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President's Message

On behalf of the IATUL Board of Directors and myself, I wish you all the best in the new year. May your dreams and plans, both professional and personal, come true, and may the whole year will be full of new, exciting and inspiring opportunities.

IATUL is entering a new year full of hope and ambitious plans. We welcome new members to our community as well as new Board members. This year, Kara Jones, Liliana Luchi, Michelle Blake and Xinwan Li start their terms on the Board. I am happy we can jointly implement plans and challenges important to our community.

At the end of last year, some Board members' terms of office ended. I want to thank Donna Bourne-Tyson for her many years of service to IATUL, including in the roles of Treasurer and Secretary. Special thanks to Jill Benn and Lars Egeland, who also finished their service, to whom we owe both excellent conferences in Perth and Oslo, as well as a vast substantive contributions to the organisation's development.

After two very successful events in 2022 – an Annual Conference in Miami and a Seminar in Zurich, we are planning other exciting initiatives and events. First of all, we hope to meet you in the United Arab Emirates. Together with the American University of Sharjah and Zayed University in Dubai, we invite you to the annual conference and General Assembly, which will take place on March 13-16 under the theme "Libraries Pushing Boundaries". The program of the event is now available on the conference website.

During the Seminar in Zurich hosted by ETH Library, we officially started preparing a new strategy. Both the IATUL Board of Directors and the workshop participants formulated many interesting expectations regarding how our activities should develop to meet our member's expectations. Our mission is to serve the community of academic libraries and make our voice to be heard and appreciated. We also want to work with you on formulating strategic goals during the next workshops - both during the annual conference and online. This year, we are also resuming the International Study Tour program. We also plan to establish new Special Interest Groups and want to allow the representatives of our member institutions to engage more in various initiatives.

I hope that these initiatives will meet with your interest and appreciation. I encourage you to participate actively. If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions regarding our strategy, don't hesitate to contact



the board members representing your region. I invite you to read our newsletter and follow us on social media.

With best wishes,

-Dr. Anna Wałek, Library Director, Gdańsk University of Technology Library, IATUL President

IATUL 43rd Annual Conference Update



"Libraries Pushing Boundaries" is the theme of the 43rd IATUL Annual Conference, held from 13-16 March in Dubai and Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. The event will be an exploration of forward thinking in academic libraries and information services, with time

to engage in dialogue, networking and to develop new and existing relationships. The program has just been announced, and it promises thoughtful and practical sessions. The conference will have three full days of presentations, inspiring keynote speakers, posters and networking. An exciting study tour day is planned visiting museums, libraries and cultural centres around the UAE. The Gala Dinner on board the Queen Elizabeth II ship promises to be an event to remember.

Early Bird Registration and reduced conference hotel rates end on 31 January 2023, so book your tickets and accommodation soon from <https://iatul2023.zu.ac.ae>.

-Kara Jones, American University of Sharjah, IATUL Board and Lillian Li, Zayed University

The IATUL Fall 2022 Seminar Highlights



The IATUL Seminar 2022 was entitled "Breaking New Ground: Scholarly Communication and Libraries". It was held from 13th to 14th December at ETH Zurich in Switzerland and organised by the event management of the ETH Library in cooperation with IATUL. Embedded in a wintery scenery, the historic main building of the ETH Zurich with its Audimax provided the ideal setting for the event, which was attended by over 100 participants from South Africa to Sweden, and from Gdańsk to Montreal. These followed the international speakers from libraries, publishers and academia who spoke about current developments and challenges in scholarly communication, metrics and awareness in science.

The presentations illuminated the theme of the seminar from a political and higher education policy point of view on the one hand, and from a practical and organisational point of view of the various parties concerned (scientists, libraries, publishers) on the other, with innovative examples from the world of academic libraries and technology refreshing the theoretical reflections and reports. With regard to the topic of Open Access, central questions were raised and discussed. To what extent does Open Access

reinforce inequalities at society level, university level, country level, and at a global level? Is the APC model suitable for the future? Do transformative agreements offer a long-term solution? How effective is it if individual institutions or states evade the publishing requirements? For practice: How to balance the benefit of publication speed versus careful vetting and filtering of content? Can single institutions or countries efficiently oppose publishers' terms of contract? How can there be a balance between the benefit of OA publication speed versus careful vetting and filtering of contents? Which elements of a publication must be made available in the future and which requirements need to be fulfilled in terms of archiving? In what way will artificial intelligence and other technologies shape this discourse in the future?

The first day of the seminar ended with an interactive and participatory workshop to collect ideas, wishes and suggestions from the participants for future IATUL events and projects, and thus to align IATUL's orientation and strategy in the next few years even more strongly with the concerns of its members. The day was concluded with a dinner for all speakers and participants, which offered additional time for networking and exchange as well as an impressive view over the centre of Zurich. The second day of the seminar focused on the topics of research evaluation, scientometrics and awareness in science, as well as future challenges and technologies in the library and publishing world. Once again, expert presentations, inspiring discussions and new ideas about the tasks and the role of university libraries were in focus. Day two was rounded off by Julien Roche (Bibliothèques universitaires et learning centre, Lille, France), who is currently serving as president of LIBER, the Association of European Research Libraries, with a talk on the university's and library's role of strategic innovation.

The host - the ETH Library - did an excellent job of organising the seminar along the lines of a Swiss clockwork, where nothing is left to chance, with social events that added to the professional experience of the conference.

-**Gerda Winkler**, Free University of Bozen Bolzano, IATUL Treasurer and **Julian Dederke**, ETH Zurich Library

IATUL Board of Directors Transitions

Outgoing Board members:

- Donna Bourne-Tyson, Dalhousie University, Canada (Region Americas, Secretary)
- Jill Benn, University of Western Australia, Australia (Region Asia Pacific, Board member)
- Lars Egeland, OsloMet, Norway (Region Europe + UK, Board member)

Incoming Board members:

- Michelle Blake, The University of Waikato, New Zealand (Region Asia Pacific, Board member)
- Kara Jones, American University of Sharjah, UAE (Region Africa/Middle East, Board member)
- Xinwan Li, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China (Region Asia Pacific, Board member)
- Liliana Luchi, Universidad Austral, Argentina (Region Americas, Board member)

Incoming Board Executive Committee member:

- Kate Robinson, University of Bath, UK (Region Europe + UK, Secretary)

Please visit the IATUL website <https://www.iatul.org> to view the profiles of all our new Board members.

-Rita Pape, IATUL Office

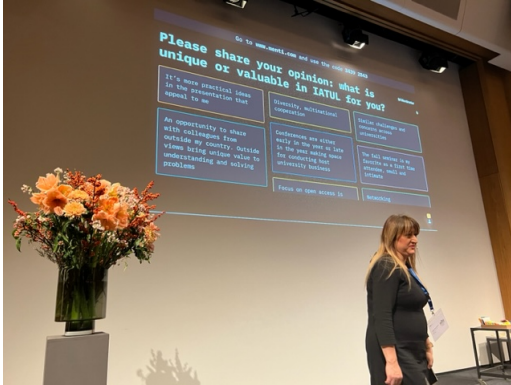
IATUL Welcomes 25 New Members in 2022

In 2022 we were delighted to welcome 25 new members to our 237-strong IATUL community. You can explore our full membership at the IATUL website <https://www.iatul.org>. We look forward to seeing many of you in the UAE in March.

Universidad Austral	Argentina
Australian Catholic University; Flinders University	Australia
University of Ottawa Library	Canada
Business and Technology University; Caucasus International University; Tbilisi State Medical University	Georgia
Université d'Etat d'Haïti	Haiti
Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode; Indian Institute of Teacher Education: Pondicherry University	India
Mazandaran University of Medical Sciences	Iran
Bar Ilan University	Israel
LIUC Università Carlo Cattaneo	Italy
Osun State University	Nigeria
De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute; University of Asia and the Pacific	Philippines
Józef Piłsudski Academy of Physical Education	Poland
University of Limpopo	South Africa
Izmir Institute of Technology	Turkey
Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation	UAE
Heriot-Watt University	United Kingdom
University of Delaware; University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Rutgers University	United States

-Kate Robinson, University of Bath, IATUL Secretary

IATUL Strategic Plan Update



President Anna Walek has invited all IATUL members to help co-create the new Strategic Plan. The IATUL Board met on December 12th in Zurich, and participated in a strategic planning group exercise. The focus of the group work was to answer the question: “What is the Mission of IATUL in Practice”. Board members identified a number of broad areas of mission-related engagement including learning, networking, finding solutions, and sharing practice. On the following day, all 100 Seminar participants were invited to a formal workshop. Roughly 60 participants took part in the workshop. Two questions formed the basis of the workshop: (1) “What is unique or valuable in IATUL for you?” and (2) “What sort of activities

should IATUL consider to meet your personal and your organization’s needs? Please specify the expected benefits.” The workshops were conducted by Monika Kozakiewicz, change manager and learning & development expert. The results of these workshop sessions will be shared with IATUL members in advance of a session planned for the IATUL Annual Conference in the UAE. We hope you will plan to participate.

-Charles Eckman, University of Miami, IATUL Vice President

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